

21 October 1977

Roger Cohen -

About a year ago I started collecting the "little half sisters." At that time I joined EAC and bought a copy of your book. Some of the rarity information seems to be in need of updating and I have been told that you have either published it in PEPPER-WISE or have mailed it to those requesting it. I have enclosed an SASE for this.

I would question the R3 rating of the 1832 C-1. I found 3 AU's at the recent S.F. coin show. Maybe it was luck but I decided to only buy one when that many appeared. — See enclosed Supplement

I traded a 1921's Lincoln cent for an 1825 C-1 in XF-45. Jack Byrner really liked the coin. I didn't notice at the time but the reverse is rotated only 180° and not the 225° that you mention. Don't this make it rarer? ^{or} I would assume that others exist with rotations between the normal and the 225° . Has anyone tried to assemble a set with different rotations? — Yes I have 23 specimens showing various Rotations

Thank you for your time. I hope to be able to meet you some day at one of the EAC conventions.

10/28/77

Sincerely,
Steve Lund

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Enclosed is the up date cd
of October 1976 with a
few pencil notations

Glenn to leave from
you

R.S. Cohen

1/30/78

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Dear Steve

Sorry, I took 12 days to answer you letter but
January to April is my busy time

I'm going over what you listed & only
have a few 1803 cmm #4, 1804 cmm #5, 1804
cmm #11 and 1805 cmm #3 They are in the Safes
Deposit Box and I hope to attend the Convention
so I'll see you then.

I sold a 1797 cmm #2 in VF30 to Mc BURMAN
for \$400 at the November Meeting I don't know
if it was a duplicate for him. We may have a
duplicate F-15 or better.

The 1803 cmm #2 is quite scarce 15 or
higher must be B-4 or less.

Sincerely

Logan

18 January 1978

Roger-

Was very pleased to meet you at Jon Lush's in November. The half cent happening greatly added to my knowledge. I was also quite happy to purchase your 1810 plate coin. Its the nicest circulated 1810 I've seen.

Recently bought a 1797 3b (lettered edge) in VG10 from Jack Beymer. Its the rarest coin I own.

Im trying to locate the R4 to R6 varieties of 1797 and later this year, I didnt really get to look thru your duplicate box to see what you had.

Dates that Im interested in are

	1797	C-2	F-15 or better	NOTE - I sold A-18 20 To McGee, R11
		C3a	F-15	IN NOVEMBER FOR 400 -
	1803	C2	F-15	NOTE: THIS IS HIGH
16	1803	C4	VF-20	
3	1804	C-4	G-4	9-12
23		C-5	VF-30	
4		C-7	F-15	
6		C-11	VF-25	
1	1805	C-2	G-4	not porous or bent up
10		C-3	G-4	not porous or bent up.
0	1806	C-3	G-4	NOTE
1	1809	C-1	G-4	
6	1811	C-1	VF-20	NOTE: 5/11
9	1808(17)	C-2	VF-20	NOTE: 5/11

Obviously I cant afford all of these now. Obviously Ill accept higher grades on the R5 and R6s Id accept lower grades depending on price. Are any of the above in your duplicate box?

Hope to see you at the EAC convention in LA.

Regards
Steve

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Roger-

Haven't had a chance to meet you since the "Half Cent Happening" at John Lusk's in 1977. I plan on attending it again this year. Missed you at the 1978 EAC Convention and couldn't attend this year.

In 1977 I looked thru your duplicates box but I was too green then to recognize the rarities. On the reverse is a copy of my half cent collection - lots of holes with only 31 varieties!

I'm interested in obtaining any R4 or scarcer varieties, the R3 varieties after 1800 in AU50-55, and the 1794's and 1795's. Still a rather large list. If you have anything of interest let me know.

Regards

Steve

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9/28/79

Steve

Sorry to be so long in answering and your list gone. The data on where some coins are now located.

I don't sell coins by Mail it's just too much trouble packing them & then having them returned. I may or may not have coins you want. Perhaps I'll be at an EAC Meeting when you are Present. I will not host the "1/2 cent Happening" in Ann Arbor in November. Prior Commitment. I enjoyed seeing you at the one in 1977

Regards

Steve

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13	1	3		1803	2	5	ex Weber rev oxidation scratched	5	1826	2	3			1803	3		Obverse Bulge				
	2	3			3	1			1828	1	3	ex Weber rev scratched	55		3		Break @ 16				
	3	3			4	3				2	2		45+		3		Rev Break				
	4	3		1804	1	3				3	1			1804	1		2nd. Use				
14	1a	3			2	7			1829	1	1	wrote right side short	45		5		Rev Break				
	1b	7			4	5	ex JKM	6	1831	1	7				6		State 0				
	2a	2			5	4	rev oil broke in Cohen rev scratch	25	1832	1	2				6		State 1				
	2b	7			6	2				2	1				6		State 2				
	3a	6	ex Bill Weber	5	7	5	F. Weber rev cud ex Bill Weber	10		3	1				6		State 3				
	3b	8			8	1			1833	1	1				6		State 4				
	4a	3			9	2			1834	1	1				6		State 5				
	4b	8			10	1			1835	1	1				6		State 6				
	5a	4			11	4	ex JKM	20		2	1				6		State 7				
	5b	8			12	2			1849	1	2				6		State 8				
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	9	2	ex W.A. Raymond day handle	25	4	2			1855	1	1				7		State 2				
95	1	2		1806	1	1			1856	1	1				7		State 3				
	2a	3			2	4	ex Weber	20	1857	1	2				7		State 4				
	2b	7			3	6									7		State 5				
	3	5	ex Weber rev fully struck	10	4	1			DIE STATES and MISC.										8		LIBE Break
	4	3		1807	1	2	need dentils ilustrie	50	1793	1		Rev. Break			9		RTY Break				
	5a	4	ex WKP JKM	30	1808	1	7		1794	4a		Rev. Breaks			13		Obv Break				
	5b	5	rev better heavy	3		2	3	ex Bill Weber	25	6a		Obv Break		1806	2		Obv Break				
	6a	2				3	1			7		Rev Break			3		ICA Break				
	6b	6		1809	1	6				8		Rev Break?			4		Obv Break?				
96	1	6				2	3			9		Obv Break	25	1807	1		Obv Break?				
	2	5				3	1		1795	2a		Pl. Edge		1808	2		BERT Break				
97	1	2	ex Shattuck Shattuck / TAL	8		4	3			4		Rev. Break		1809	2		Obv Breaks				
	2	4	ex Weber on TAL	30		5	1			6a		TAL			5		Butter Breaks				
	3a	4	CCS ex Weber	20		6	1		1797	1		TAL		1811	1		State 0				
	3b	5	PLI + T write th. at dentils F. 13	10	1810	1	2	Cohen photo con - stamp ex Bill Weber	45		1		Shattered Obverse		1		State 1				
	3c	7			1811	1	4		35		1		Shattered Obverse / TAL	8		1	State 2				
98	1	2				2	3	also some constant nick	25		2		TAL	30		1	State 3				
99	1	6		1825	1	3			10		3a		Ly Cent			1	State 4				
	2	3	ex Shattuck rev. at dentils constant rev	15+		2	1	Shattuck soft strike	55+	1823	1		Rev Break		1825	1		No Lump			
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Roger,

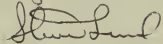
Wanted to report to you about a half cent I recently purchased from Rich Bilancia. I was sorry to see that he had to sell his collection but it was nice to see those RS and RB's for sale rather than in "back-up" boxes.

The particular coin was the 1808 C-3 in AUSS. The coin is very late state - ob only appears as VF25 by detail. The reverse shows all the cracks in Gilbert and then some. Actually it's a rim to rim crack.

It starts near the I of UNITED and goes through the left side of the bottom support of the I. From here it goes through the ^{outside} double leaves and connects to the crack that you mention in your book. It follows the stem before going through the inside double leaves near H of HALF. Then crosses the stem through the outside double leaves and finally passes through the first S in STATES.

The crack through the I is visible to the eye, the rest of it needs a magnifier. This crack could have been a really interesting CUD.

Regards



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23 April 81

Roger,

Enclosed is a letter that I wrote to you last year but was returned from your Montgomery Lane address. I wasn't able to get your address from any EAC member.

I recently added a condition census coin to my collection. 1794 C-8a in VF-30 - nice glossy brown planchet. This was from Jack Beymer and was unattributed when he purchased it.

Among the other R-S & R-6's I purchased

1794 C-7 VG-10 ex-Bilancia, Raymond, Blaisdell

1794 C-8 VG-10 ex-Weber

1796 C-2 G-4 NERCA Carnegie Sale Lot 11

1802 C-1 G-4 Bilancia, ex Steinmetz (rim bruise above L)

Although none of the above are cc status I thought you might be interested in their whereabouts.

My half cent collecting has slowed (lack of funds) since my first child was born last month. Of the R-4-R-6's fortunately I only lack 1795 C-6b, 1806 C-3 and 1809 C-1. So I can still buy a few of the common pieces that I need. (I have 42 varieties now.)

Won't be at EAC or ANA so won't be able to look through your goodie box. I'm sure it's full of beautiful half cents that would have a happy home with me.

Sincerely



NEW
ADDRESS

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4/27/81

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Dear Steve,

Thanks for your Note of 6 Oct 80 re Report
to the late state 1808 #3. It is the latest die
ever heard of. - One question is how much
Reverse die rotation? If in turning the coin will the
obverse in Normal position. How many degrees to the right
or left is the reverse die. Some of the variety are
as much as 180° off but these are usually early strikes.
It has been my observation that as the die wears the
reverse eventually gets to a Normal position.

I also got your of the 23 April 81 Today. I moved
the office from Montgomery Lane almost 3 years ago. My Po Box
has been carried on ~~that~~ my ad in p.w. so you could
have used it. Just the same I am now at the new
location above, 5 years a 5 year lease so mail should
get to me.

Evidently Bilancia hit the market at the right
time with his Collector. Did people really pay
the full price for some of his coins? Despite
your comments about "Backup Boxes" I have been
selling a number of my duplicate coins, because of
a very high real estate investment I got into. It
really feel like an ass with as many as 20 orders
charts that to go into only to fall into various

Myself. at the last EPC Meeting here in
Washington Park in March 1980. I paid quite
a few lit was interested the Dealer purchased more
70% of what I sold with no haggling more the price
the collector spent a lot of time going over my coins
and wanting to know where I got them the coins I was
and wasn't of changing a Hager Prime etc. One 1802
Rever of 1800 & Variety #1 in G-6 was turned down
by a collector at \$2000 I sold it to a dealer at
the same price and the collector purchased it from
the dealer for \$2,500 before the show was over.

I have sat on both sides of these transactions and
know its sometimes very hard to make a decision
when buying. When you are selling there doesn't
seem to be much reason to haggle the way the
demand for these coins seems to be. So much for that.

I appreciate your update on your coins. Somewhere
it had been reported to me that you had acquired the
Steinmetz example of 1802 Variety #1. When you consider the
low grade of most of the examples of the Variety I think
for anyone is lucky to even have an example. I do
have record of 1802 19 specimens as its clearly R-6 now
as usual I don't know who has each one that and
there may be duplication in my records as well as a
number of specimens I don't know of.

Good to hear from you.

Samuel
Hoyen

27 May 1981

Roger,

Went to my deposit box today to look at the 1808 C-3 I wrote you about. The reverse on mine is in the normal position. This would agree with your past observations.

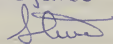
The pieces I bought from Rich Bilancia went at a discount. I thought his prices were high so I made counter offers on a number of coins I needed. The only one I didn't get was the 1809 C-1 which went at the listed price. The Brobston 1802 C-1 went to a dealer at \$7k or thereabouts. Really thought Bill Weber would buy it at that price. I noticed that Rich lists the FPL prices in his computer print outs rather than the actual sales price.

What do you have in your duplicate box these days? I need 1795 C6b, 1806 C-3 and 1809 C-1. Obviously uncommon but that's what I need.

Do you know who buys the varieties at the Stack's sales? The prices often seem way out of line. I haven't seen any of the coins in North CA collections.

Dont know how I missed your new address in the PW ad. Guess familiarity breeds stupidity or something. Oh well have it right now.

Regards



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8/13/81

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Hi Steve,

Went over your letter of 27 May and
find my "back up box" to be vacant as
to 1795 #46, 1806 #3 & 1809 #1, however
I do appreciate review from you.

The final story as of now on the
Bradshaw #1 of 1802 is that Gene Bradshaw is
buying it on the installment plan. Louis
Bilancin. The list of prices by Bilancin
on his Computer Printouts is one of those things
that gets Put out that it there is rather
confusing and would be better if it were left
off unless it is a known price. Even prices
realized as another ~~text~~ can be BS.
Particularly if the owner buys it back.
which is not commonly disclosed.

Who buys Volumes at Black sales I don't
know for sure but there seems to be a
good bit of interest in them. Occasionally I get a
letter from a New Collector wanting Verification
of some of their statements Put out in their
Catalogues but on the whole I believe there
are a fair number say 50 persons at any
one time who are actively seeking Half
Cents by Society. I recently compiled a

list of Half Cent Collectors known to me and send
 it to consist of 35 Persons. Not including dealers
 and Persons who use my book just to
 show Rich. Could to hear for you and
 hope to be more prompt in the future

Sincerely

Reggie

TO: Steve Lumb
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MESSAGE

SUBJECT Note + Order of 12/6/81

DATE 12/24/81

FOLD

Thanks for your Book Order. The release date is now January 31, 1982. I will not negotiate your check until it ships. If this isn't OK let me know.

I do not have an extra 1795 GB. I admit to owning 4 examples presently & having disposed of 4 more. However at the present time at least 20 are known and more will be found. The only one which I did not cherry pick was the one that Dr. Whitaker sold to Ron Galt. "Old Booby" but really rocked me & Gordon the Prince hit. . . The price of this item should decline particularly after the 2nd Edition is released. It really shouldn't be ever listed as a sub variety. But tradition is hard to overcome.

Will you be at the EAC Meeting in March? Bill Weber plans to turn it into a Half Cent blurb. I won't miss it for anything.

SIGNED

Roger

From STEVE LUND, in a letter dated October 31, 1983: "Enjoyed reading P-W #98. I was surprised at all the negative comments about the San Diego ANA convention, and I was disappointed that the topics which I found interesting were not even covered.

There was no mention of the exhibits, even though two of them pertained to large cents. There was a beautiful exhibit on the Nichols Find and the Randall Hoard, complete with lovely examples. The most impressive exhibit concerned the 1794 S-20. It contained all of the pedigree information since the days of Frossard, including the complete original catalogues on this beautiful piece. Unfortunately, I do not know who the exhibitors were. I'll have to confess ignorance about large cents since my true love is for the little half sisters.

For us lovers of half cents, seeing a Xerox copy recently of Breen's forthcoming book was a sight for sore eyes. This book will set a new standard for numismatic research. I might add that the photography is truly outstanding. I just hope that the book is printed in time for Santa Claus to deliver it for Christmas."

1/16/84

DEAR STEVE,

MY ONLY QUESTION IS IN REGARD
TO CHRISTMAS — WHAT YEAR ARE
YOU REFERRING TO?

Sincerely

Rager

22 January 1984

Roger,

Your letter reminded me that I haven't written you about one the coins in Kagin's ANA Sale.

Lot #287 was a 1793 C-2 with the notation that it had an unlisted die break. The coin was so ugly that many didn't even turn it over to verify this! The reverse has a large cud that extends from N of UNITED to 2 of 200. The obverse is weak in the corresponding area. It didn't appear to me to be a stuck on metal fragment. Your book doesn't mention knowledge of such a break.

For your pedigree information I recently purchased Steve Fischer's 1809 C-1.

As to Walter's book what can be said. I asked for my money back several years ago. At the regional EAC meeting Bill Weber stated that it won't be out before September of this year. I'm not holding my breath! It certainly will be a wonderful reference but I'll carry my Cohen to every coin show. The two books are simply different and both have their places. I wish you and Walter would believe that.

I look forward to meeting you again at EAC '84. If you come up to Santa Rosa to visit Jack Beymer let me know as I live a block from his store. I hope you bring your collection as I'd appreciate it more than I did in 1977 when I saw it at John Lusk's home.

Regards,



Steve Lund
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LUND

1/25/84

Dear Steve

I do plan to be at FAC 84. So ~~therefore~~ I will get a phone to see you. We should arrive on Thursday PM. and will leave Sunday Morning. I don't plan to bring my whole collection but if there are any coming from specialty want to see Doug Mac Nale. I do plan to bring a few duplicates for selling or trading. The last time I was so busy looking at collections I never got my duplicates out, I hope this doesn't happen this time.

The 1793 #2 with the die break seems interesting I've never heard of it. I didn't get to San Diego last year. This would be interesting as if the reverse die broke on the #2 then the Emulsion Sequence line set up would be out of order! Who has the coin now? It's always possible that such a die break could have occurred. All this would mean is that it's "back to the drawing board" for the Emulsion Sequence.

Your comments on Walter's look are of some interest. Despite the impression that is created that I'm anti Walter I would like to set forth a few things. First I think with the look would come out, despite my sarcastic comments such as I've been writing since 1952 which is true, and it was this fact to needle Walter, Jack Callis + John Hanson. Secondly, any input into the body of knowledge of half cents is desirable. Theories clear etc. ~~to~~ ^{are} what ~~it~~ ^{we} creates the body of knowledge. The shall the more people write the more we learn. It is also true that theories are sometimes accepted only to be later disproven and hopefully discarded. Thus you can see I am not anti-Walter rather I say "Jump in the pool with the rest of us Half Cent nuts" and let's hear what you have to say.

The problem with the approach is that Walter's can not and will not accept this! The reason

is that it's a democratic approach. Walter's approach is that only he can write the final work on Half Cent. Every one must be subservient to him. This is why he exhibits such contempt for me. To Walter, I am a usurper, thus to be try ignored and ridiculed. Walter could never accept the fact that his book would be used in conjunction with mine. Your Paragraph to me in that regard would be totally unacceptable to him. So it appears to me that Walter does not want the democratic approach to the subject of a common Body of Knowledge for Half Cent. rather he wants to be King even if self appointed. Knowing this to be Walter's approach I quite frankly enjoy seeing him squirm when I needle him. The unfortunate fact is that a atmosphere of Rivalry is created. On the Positive side however is Walter's desire to top anything I've written thus we, means the Collection of Half Cent, can possibly benefit when and if his 32 year Promise of a book is fulfilled.

I hope that the above will help your understand just what in the H--- is going on. The latest wrinkle on this on your rivalry is the series of articles in Perry Wise collect the Top 10. If you will note I put out in the Second Edition a Conclusion Center by adjectival grades. Hoping that the Brecken-Callum Work would provide us Half Cent Collectors with Numerical grades and claims of ownership (pedigree). About a year ago Ron and I wrote a M.O. ^{OTHER} to start the series. Since the Callum-Brecken Book was still stalled and I heard that only adjectival grades were to be used I said yeah lets go ahead to Ron, only I want as many people in on this as we can get without being overrun with help. You can see from the last issue whose working with Ron + me. The only ^{OTHER} person

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Who could help is G. Jon Hanson as Walter and Jack are NOT collectors. Again the idea of a democratic approach is being made. and hopefully Mr Hanson will put his toes in the "pool"

Which brings up the subject of your collection. I've noted a few coins through 1802 (this is as far as this up to) that are attributed to being in your collection - Would you care to send me a list of what you consider to be significant coins in your collection? While I may have some of them this sure you've acquired some since 1977 when I last saw you.

I'll close now and hope that it haven't bored you with all this self justification

Sincerely
Bogen

5 March 1984

Roger,

I had hoped to be able to write before now. The twins are not sleeping through the night yet, so 'free time' is at a premium. I'll get you a listing of my collection as soon as possible. It will give me a chance to try out the data base program. If all goes well I will give it to you at EAC '84.

I would have to agree with your analysis of Walter. I guess that is life. Collecting half cents should be fun.

Of the 99 varieties of half cents I have seen 98. I have never seen an example of the 1797 Grippped Edge, so please bring along yours. I have been told that the grips are actually raised on the edge. Is this true? I love overstrikes. If you have anything struck on large cents or colonials, including TALs, I'd really appreciate seeing them.

I'm not sure what duplicates you may have for sale, but I'd be interested in 1795-1 and 1795-2 in F-15 or better; 1795-6b, 1804-2 and 1806-3 in any grade. My collection is mostly R4 and rarer varieties, so any common date before 1806 in XF or better would be of interest, especially 1803 or 1805.

I'm looking forward to EAC '84. See you there.

Regards,



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28 May 1984

Roger,

I'm sorry you were unable to attend the EAC Convention in San Mateo. It was a disappointment for me as very few half cent collectors attended. The last minute cancellations seemed to be only half cent collectors. Even the bourse lacked in significant half cents. I did have fun and was able to attribute one of my half cents to a pedigree.

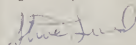
I purchased a 1795 C-3 from W.K. Raymond about 8 years ago. The coin is in VG-10 condition. The envelope has a note on it that it was plated in a New Netherlands catalog. John Bergman had a complete set of NN catalogs at EAC, so I sat down and looked through them until I found my coin. It was Lot #5 in the 41st Sale, the Ryder Large Cents. Apparently this coin was a Breen cherry and was placed in this sale. The plate proofs of Breen's book had the whereabouts of this coin as unknown. This is odd as Walter has seen the coin several times.

I have my half cent inventory started. It is taking longer than I expected. I have limited on the computer as Nancy is pretty worn out by the twins and goes early. Our old office is now the boys nursery. All things come in time for those who are patient.

I added one coin to my collection at EAC, a 1804 C-6, State 9 in AU-50. The interesting feature is the strong clash marks between the ribbon and curl on the obverse. Neither you nor Gilbert mention this. My 1804 C-7 is a middle state and shows no signs of the clash marks. I would think that these clash marks would be mentioned as proof of the emission sequence. Is my observation so well known that it needs not be documented or is it new information?

Keep me informed of any significant happenings.

Regards,



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7/24/84

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Dear Steve,

2 months later from your letter. I'm going to answer. I presume you're getting my work up for the trip to. It takes time to do this. First I start with the book I've kept for years. I then start the lists for each variety and check the sales or auction catalogues for lot numbers + prices. I'm finding each variety takes at least 3 hours. Then I mail out and await the replies. This takes more head scratching and often times a number of phone calls. Then I submit it to Doc Lapp whose typeset makes a number of types that don't get corrected. I hope to get this straight in a later issue.

I'm sure you're aware that the Green book has been presented and now only lacks binding which should now be no great obstacle. Who knows we may have it for review before December 31. I have received some pages of what I consider to be the first printers efforts. I'll wait till the book is out to comment directly on what I saw.

In yours of 5/28 you refer to your 1795 #3. I check its chain of ownership is as follows:

- WHR - NOW NETHERLANDS 41 ST SOLE 1953: 5th? Perhaps you can hook up the Price - Willard C. Blaisdel, a collector of BOTH large + Half Cents by Variety from Elizabeth NJ. -
- In 1976 Willard sold his Half Cents to Del Blaisdel + W.K. Raymond
- To you - The coin is listed as #11 in the

Top Ten list I have maintained - Perhaps your coin should be in the Top Ten. The only way we can ever do this is to get all the coin closeing to be V6-8 to V7-20 together then we could get its standing hopefully but I doubt every one would agree on grading!!

You mentioned that "Breen's book Plate proofs said the whereabouts ^{as} ~~was~~ unknown" and you then mentioned "it was odd as W.B. had seen the coin several times." I may be able to enlighten you on this. The Condition Census for Breen's book was made up by Jon Hanson. I doubt Walter was even involved in the CC. Walter has many other fish to fry. Hanson is only interested in "the Best". Did you notice on the Page proofs that "California Collector" 's coin almost always was the first one listed? It was only now and then that "MISSOURI CABINET" made it to the top of the list. Jon Hanson is a Condition Snob. To him anything less than finest in his eyes is to be ignored or belittled. Since your coin is not a "Super Coin" in LTH's eyes it's sort of greeted with a Ho-Hum.

I don't know if you were collector Half cents prior to 1971 but it was. In the prior 20 years to that I collected and got damn tired of being "High Hatted" and belittled for my efforts. Another thing I noted was that Breen + Hanson always wanted information but refused to divulge anything. In short it was not one of the elite. In spite of what has happened to them over the last 13 years they still haven't learned their lesson. The CC information that I've seen is both inaccurate, filled with coin that haven't been reported since 1945 (mainly to conceal

a lack of knowledge) and Missing Mary Major
discoveries of the last 20 years. The reason for
the missing discoveries is that they don't want to
hear about a person Cherry-Picking. If they do
it it's OK but to them we are like "little mice"
who are running their pre-conceived notions
that are put forth as the Gospel. If you rates
any of Breun's writing about Parity it goes like
this:

"R-5, was formerly a R-7 but thanks to
Cherry-Picking is ~~now~~ now at this level. Most of the
Cair however are well worn and low grade."

I say Why all the Verbage? For Parity it is
or it isn't. What the Parity was 30 years ago
is ~~now~~ immaterial. To Me it indicates an unwillingness
to accept the New Parity rating. To Me this detracts
from the Scholarship of the Book.

OK well, How'd I lost you? I said
I feel I'm unloading on you. Just the same
load over what I sent and let Me know
by Aug 8

Sincerely

Raglin